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## NASS to Resurvey Corn, Soybean Producers in States with Late Harvests

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USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) may release updated acreage, yield, production and stocks estimates for corn and soybeans in the March 10 *Crop Production* report. Previous estimates included in the *Crop Production 2009 Summary* released on January 12 were based on a sample of producers growing crops this past year.

When producers were surveyed in late November and early December, there was significant unharvested acreage of corn in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin; and significant unharvested acreage of soybeans in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The unharvested area and *expected* production were included in the totals released on January 12.

NASS will re-contact respondents who previously reported acreage not yet harvested in these states. If the newly collected data justifies any changes, NASS will update the January 12 estimates in the March 10 report, except for South Dakota and North Dakota. Since the inclement weather has persisted in those two states, producers there will be re-interviewed at a later time.

Stocks estimates are also subject to review since unharvested production is included in the estimate of on-farm stocks.

Crop Production and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.